

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the need for this amendment comes about as a result of the fact that in some counties the employees participate in the payment for the retirement system and in some counties they do not. So consequently, we have to provide that it can be handled either way and that is really all this amendment does is it provides that the county board can make that determination. If the county board decides, and in the past they have got this retirement benefit with county employee participation in the cost, they can continue that, or if they want, if they have got one where the county employees do not participate in the cost, they can continue that. That is all that this amendment does. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Record your vote on Glenn Goodrich's amendment. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that LB 346 as amended be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Discussion. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment up is LB 204. The E & R amendments have been adopted. The bill was then laid over. There are now a series of additional amendments. Senator DeCamp has the first one. In the Mills amendment, strike sections 6, 7, 8, 24 and 23 and renumber the sections. LB 204.

PRESIDENT: Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, the other day when LB 204 came up I mentioned that for the first time there was some opportunity to get this new program, detoxification, treatment of alcoholism, put into effect and get some legislation passed this year that would pass muster and be substantial and not have the opposition of the various entities that had traditionally opposed it. This amendment would pull out of LB 204 the financing aspect for the program and the understanding and agreement among those, Senator Merz, Senator Barnett and a variety of others who have been working on this over the years, the understanding and agreement is we pull the financing out of here, which is an earmarking system, and then use LB 200 which is on E & R Final and put the financing into that. And so if we do adopt this amendment, and of course, I hope we do, then I would immediately ask the Speaker in order to keep pace with everybody that is involved in this and show that there is no chance for going awry, I would immediately ask the Speaker permission to take up